

Lion Offense Fails; Spartans Win, 24-0

With Fullback Fran Rogel on the bench, Penn State's grid offense has no drive, no punch.

That was an accepted fact before the season began, but Joe Bedenk and his crew of assistants realized it more than ever this week as they began preparations for the last home game of the season Saturday, against Syracuse.

The attack, lacking Rogel who was sidelined with an ankle injury, failed pitifully against Michigan State last week when the Lions dropped a 24-0 battle before 44,746 wind-chilled fans at East Lansing's Macklin Field Stadium.

NO PUSH

True, the Lions gained 144 yards, 104 of them on the ground, as they went down to their third defeat of the season. But it was the lack of push, especially when drive might have meant a score in the first quarter, that set up the first shutout loss in seven games, and made this year the first time the Nittanians have dropped three games in one season since 1945.

INJURIES

The "big white" is weakened physically with injuries to center Ray Hedderick and tackle Ed Hoover adding to the loss of Rogel. Several other minor injuries may keep the Lions far below top strength for the Orange clash, but the fullback slot remains the hardest to fill.

The touted Nittany forward wall held against the slashes of Lynn Chandnois, Frank Waters and the other Spartan backs for just one quarter Saturday, then crumbled along with the offense before the hard-charging Michigan Staters. Bedenk's pass defense, relying on the line to rush the passer, hit the skids as receivers outran, and outfaked the secondary.

LUTHER

Only Bill Luther, Lion tailback, managed to keep the Lion offense in the plus column. Luther rolled up several good gains, one a 40-yard jaunt in the third period, and his quick kicks took the Nittanians out of holes. His passing, however, was strangled by an alert Spartan secondary that sent two and three men to cover every receiver.

Recovered fumbles kept the Bedenkmen in Michigan State territory most of the first quarter, but the Spartans threw down every attempt to score and took over the ball to start the second stanza. Chandnois streaked through the line and went 60 yards for the first touchdown, George Smith converting. Smith added a 28-yard field goal in the same period.

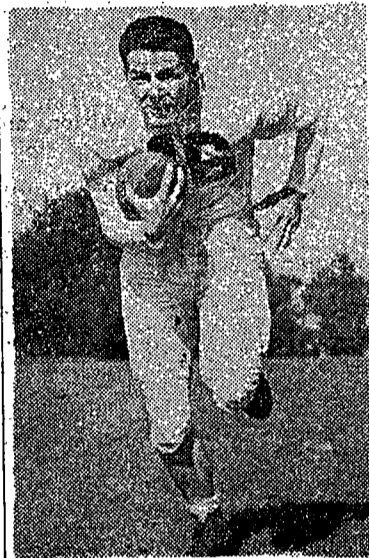
Before the half ended, sophomore Al Dorow, filling in for the injured Gene Glick at quarterback, passed to end Bob Carey for 28 yards and another TD. Smith converted again, and the Spartans led, 17-0.

STALEMATE

The teams played to a stalemate in the third period. In the fourth, the Lions took control on downs on Michigan State's 21, but a 15-yard penalty and the Spartan line forced them to halt in their only serious scoring challenge.

With Waters and Chandnois running and Dorow passing, the Spartans moved to the Penn State 16 from where Jim Blenkhorn tossed to Carey for 16 yards and another TD just before the game ended.

Stars in Defeat



BILL LUTHER

Macklin Field Slants, Sidelights

By George Vadasz

Macklin Field, scene of Saturday's fracas, was host to nearly 45,000 shrieking homecoming fans.

Since the acceptance of the Spartans into the Big 10, the seating capacity was doubled, so that the stadium now accommodates more than 50,000.

The press box, too, was enlarged to accommodate more than 95 sportscasters. An elevator was built into the press box to accommodate the older members of the fourth estate.

The public address announcer was quite puzzled on numerous occasions, but no more so than the spectators when they heard: "The tackle made by Drazenovich and Drazenovich."

Chuck Beatty, substitute center, suffered a broken nose in the first quarter, yet played the remainder of the contest.

Radio-announcer Bob Prince is still confused at some of the State players. He had Guard Joe Sarabok, (65) in the game instead of Bill Mathers (63).

Michigan State Coach Biggie Munn seems to be quite superstitious . . . he has worn the same suit for every game since the Michigan game. "It's my winning combination," he says.

Shortly before the game Marilyn Sumner, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was crowned homecoming queen. Incidentally, she was chosen from a group of 31 contestants from pictures submitted to the Froth senior board on the Nittany campus.

Bill Luther, Lion tailback, was the top ground-eater of the afternoon by picking up 82 of the 102 yards gained rushing by the Nittanians.

Two Future Rivals Upset Saturday

In two surprising upsets both Syracuse and Pitt were swamped by their rivals Saturday. Pitt's loss toppled them from the ranks of the undefeated. Temple and West Virginia, the other of Penn State's future rivals, won their games.

Penn State's future rivals in caps:

Fordham 47, SYRACUSE 21
WEST VIR. 47, Quantico 26
TEMPLE 47, Rhode Island 6
Indiana 48, PITT 14

Records to date of opponents:

	Won	Lost	Tied
Villanova	5	1	0
Army	5	0	0
Boston College	1	3	1
Nebraska	2	3	0
Michigan State	4	1	0
Syracuse	2	3	0
West Virginia	3	3	0
Temple	4	1	0
Pitt	4	1	0

Game Statistics

Score by periods:

Penn State	0	0	0	0-0
Michigan State	0	17	0	7-24

Michigan State scoring: Touchdowns: B. Carey 2, Chandnois. Field goal—G. Smith. Extra points—G. Smith.

	PS	MSC
Total first downs	7	15
Net yards rushing	104	223
Net yards passing	40	121
Passes attempted	15	15
Passes completed	4	5
Passes intercepted	1	5
Number of punts	9	6
Punting average	45	28
Lost ball fumbles	1	3
Yards lost penalties	40	40

Cagers Drill

Coach Elmer Gross sent his basketball squad through its first formal scrimmage Friday night in a pair of abbreviated contests at Rec Hall.

Following the games both Gross and assistant coach John Egli appeared well pleased over their charges form at this early date.

The spotlight was focused on two squads led by Joe Tocci and Ken Weiss. The Tocci-headed band recorded an 18-17 win.

Spirited action marked both scrimmages with varsity players

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